

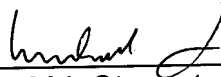
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1 to 5 have been deleted while claim 24 has been amended consequentially. Such deletion should not be interpreted as acquiescence to the Examiner's position with respect to the patentability of claims 1 to 5, but rather such deletion is made to focus the patentability discussion with respect to the specific combination of the non-proteolytic analog of the Hin47 protein and the HMW protein.

Having regard to the nature of the changes made, it is submitted that this Amendment after Final Action should be entered.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

In the Specification:

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 5 have been cancelled.

Claim 24 has been amended as follows:

24. (Amended) A method of immunizing a host against disease caused by infection with *Haemophilus influenzae*, including otitis media, which comprises administering to the host an immunoeffective amount of a composition as claimed in clam [1 or] 6.